

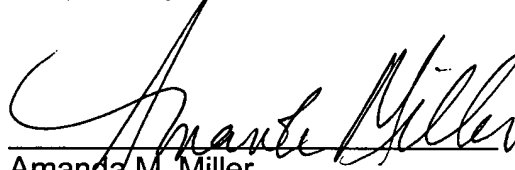
## REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of June 20, 2006, Applicants have elected to pursue the species identified by Examiner as Figs. 1-3 with facing layers extensible in the longitudinal direction. This species includes, but is not limited to, existing claims 1-9 and 42. The remaining claims have been cancelled as not being drawn to an elected species.

## SUMMARY

Pending Claims 1-9 and 42 are patentable. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner grant early allowance of this application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorneys for the Applicant via telephone if such communication would expedite this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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